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1. [REDACTED]
2. Alphabetical Designators In connection with information contained herein, specific points of interest are noted and referred to in this report by the following alphabetical designators:
 - A. Anchorage and pilot aboard
 - B. Berth
 - C. Naval Vessels
 - D. ZARNA RANGEN (No)
 - E. Soviet passenger vessel
 - F. Gun emplacements

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3. [REDACTED]
4. Harbor The depth of the channel [REDACTED] was 40 feet. [REDACTED] the breakwater represents a formidable obstruction to ease of entry into the harbor.

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5. Controls [REDACTED] One guard was stationed at the gangway. The guard was clothed in an olive drab uniform and armed with a rifle.

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6. Harbor Craft [REDACTED] Several unemployed bucket dredges were observed in the harbor.

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7. Berth [REDACTED] Numerous wooden freight warehouses were situated on the wharf [REDACTED] Railroad sidings were also located on the wharf. Two traveling railroad cranes were [REDACTED]

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used to load [redacted] cargo [redacted] One tank of 10 stavedomes assisted in the loading operations.

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[redacted] Water was [redacted] was reportedly of satisfactory quality. Water was pumped through 3" connections. Garbage and sewerage were dumped at sea. Fire protection was present in the form of water-borne fire-fighting equipment and wharf equipment.

8. Naval Vessels [redacted] "numerous" destroyers and submarines in the area labeled designator C.

9. Merchant Vessels [redacted]

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[redacted] A Soviet passenger vessel was anchored at position labeled designator E.

10. Shore Activities [redacted]

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[redacted] Food was of poor quality but beer and other beverages were fairly good and were present in sufficient quantity.

11. Miscellaneous The inhabitants of subject port have a far better outlook than was prevalent [redacted] years ago.

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[redacted] restrictions on merchant seamen have been eased [redacted] there is a large army camp in the area or subject port, because [redacted] many soldiers in the harbor area. Heavy gun emplacements and searchlight batteries were located in the area labeled designator F. [redacted] many Soviet MIGs landing and taking off from an airfield which [redacted] was "very near" the harbor area.

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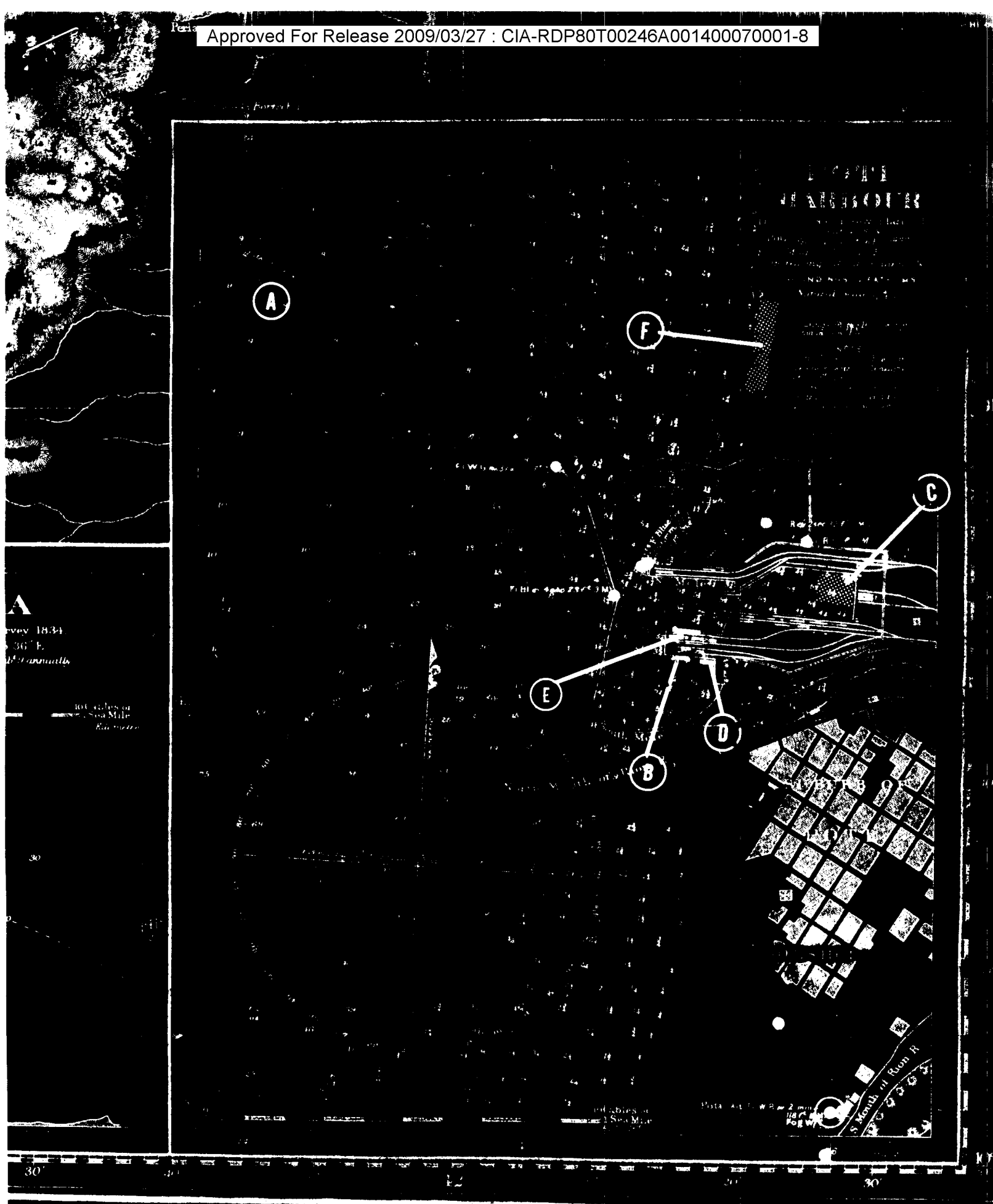
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